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ORANGE LIGHT STOPS VEHICLE

A 1974 Incident Recalled

Mrs. J., 44, was driving her Mazda utility truck towards Tooradin at 8.45 p.m. on July 17, 1974. Having set out from Crib Point on the Mornington Peninsula, she had just turned off the Flinders - Frankston road at Tyabb and had travelled about three miles along the Tooradin road, when she first noticed an orange light in her rear vision mirror. Said Mrs. J.:

"When I first noticed it I thought, 'What's that fellow doing with an orange headlight?' Then I thought, 'Oh well, it can't be a car'.... It seemed to me like a round orange coming, in the rear vision mirror, and the whole of the rear vision mirror was lit up, and then the whole of the cabin of the truck was lit up with this. And then, whether it was the motor of my car roaring, or - I've got my doubts about that now - but at the time I thought something had gone wrong with my engine. It was just simply roaring, and then it cut out. By this time the whole of the cabin was like a fire. It looked like the same colour as a fire. I tried to start the engine that had stopped. I went to turn the ignition and found the ignition was still on.... Then I seemed to have a little lapse - or unconsciousness...."

Mrs. J. said that by now the fiery glow seemed to envelop the whole of the interior of the car, as well as brightly illuminating the immediate surroundings. At this stage she noticed that a car which had been approaching from the opposite direction had stopped about 40 feet away from her vehicle.

"The cab, and all in front of me, too. It was all orange. The trees, and everything, and the car, too, that had stopped...."

Sitting at the wheel, bathed in the orange glow, Mrs. J. had what she called a 'blackout' for several minutes:

"I was conscious, if you know what I mean, but I was sort of paralysed. I don't know, but you had this peculiar sort of feeling of - not quite paralysis - but you sort of couldn't move. This was the whole of the time of this orange.... And then I felt a pain, sort of across the head and down the neck and shoulders. A horrible sort of numb feeling, it was, from the head and down the shoulders, down the back. Sort of the top part of me. When I was sitting in the car with this horrible feeling I was aware the car that had been coming toward me had stopped, too. When I felt a bit better I got out of the truck and went down to this car. When I got out there was still a faint light, but not as much as there'd been. His car was sort of orange, too. It was a bit like those old photos - sepia - that sort of colour...."

"The car started that had been facing me, and shot past me west up the road, and I just stood there wondering what the heck was wrong with him. I walked down toward him, down the middle of the road, and then, whish! - just like that. And when I got back and sat quietly and thought a bit about it, I thought, now that'd be the reaction if a person had got a bit of a fright. But I thought he'd run over me!...."

"And then I heard a very loud noise, like a plane noise almost, and the colouring and everything just faded. And I went back to my car - and this is the funny part of it - the motor was going. It had stopped - I had tried the ignition - but when I got back the car motor was running".

It seems rather odd that Mrs. J. failed to observe what had happened to the orange object. Her instinctive thought when she got out was to rush across to the other car and get help, and she said that she was in such confusion at the strange sequence of events that she did not think to look around for the source of the light.

She could not say how long her period of 'blackout' had lasted, but, having frequently travelled the same route before, she was later able to determine that the time lost during the journey totalled about 20 minutes. She said that the numbness in her head and shoulders was still persisting when she arrived home, although no permanent after effects were apparent.

"I came home that night, and when I walked in I said to my mother, 'Do I look peculiar?' I felt extraordinary. And she said, 'Well, you look a bit white'."

It is not surprising that Mrs. J. was not inclined to make an examination of the area after her unpleasant experience. She said that she passed the spot again a few days later, but could see nothing unusual anywhere in the vicinity.

- from an interview by Ray Fischer and Les Bristol.

AN UNUSUAL GROUND MARK

In a recent interview a Croydon man described the finding of a puzzling ground mark last year. The man was walking his dog in steady rain at 7.20 a.m. on an unknown date (but known to be in Sep., 1976). Garbed in gum-boots and waterproof gear, he was crossing a football field at Ainsley Park, West Croydon, when he came across a circular area containing a criss-cross pattern of marks.

The first strange thing about the mark was the fact that his dog, which was on a leash, refused to go into the circle. The man reported:

"The dog wouldn't have a bar of it.... I coaxed him, I even tried to get him on the strap, and he wouldn't let me put him on his strap. The moment I came outside the circle I called him across and he came and sat down and let me put him on his strap. I headed towards the circle again and he started pulling and propping.

Ground Mark (Continued)

....He was walking along and his hackles came up and his ears went up and he would not go near the mark. That was it point blank. I feel that if I'd persisted in it he might quite possibly have bitten me".

Something else was odd about it:

"I walked into the middle of it myself and the hair on the back of my neck started to stand on end....I was glad when I got out of it".

Although he went back several times in the next few weeks, this effect was not noticed again.

Inside the circle he examined the grass closely and noticed the strange fact that every blade was standing vertically upright, two to three inches high, almost as if it had been subjected to some tremendous upward suction force. Stranger still, said the man, all the grass inside the circle was perfectly dry, even though it was raining quite heavily, and had been for some time. Outside the circle, the grass was very wet and slushy, while inside, he claimed, he looked very closely and could not see a single drop of water clinging to any blade of grass. This was a puzzle, because the effect stopped abruptly at the boundary of the mark, which was perfectly circular, except for the two trailing appendages. The diameter, estimated by him by stepping across, was about 40 feet.

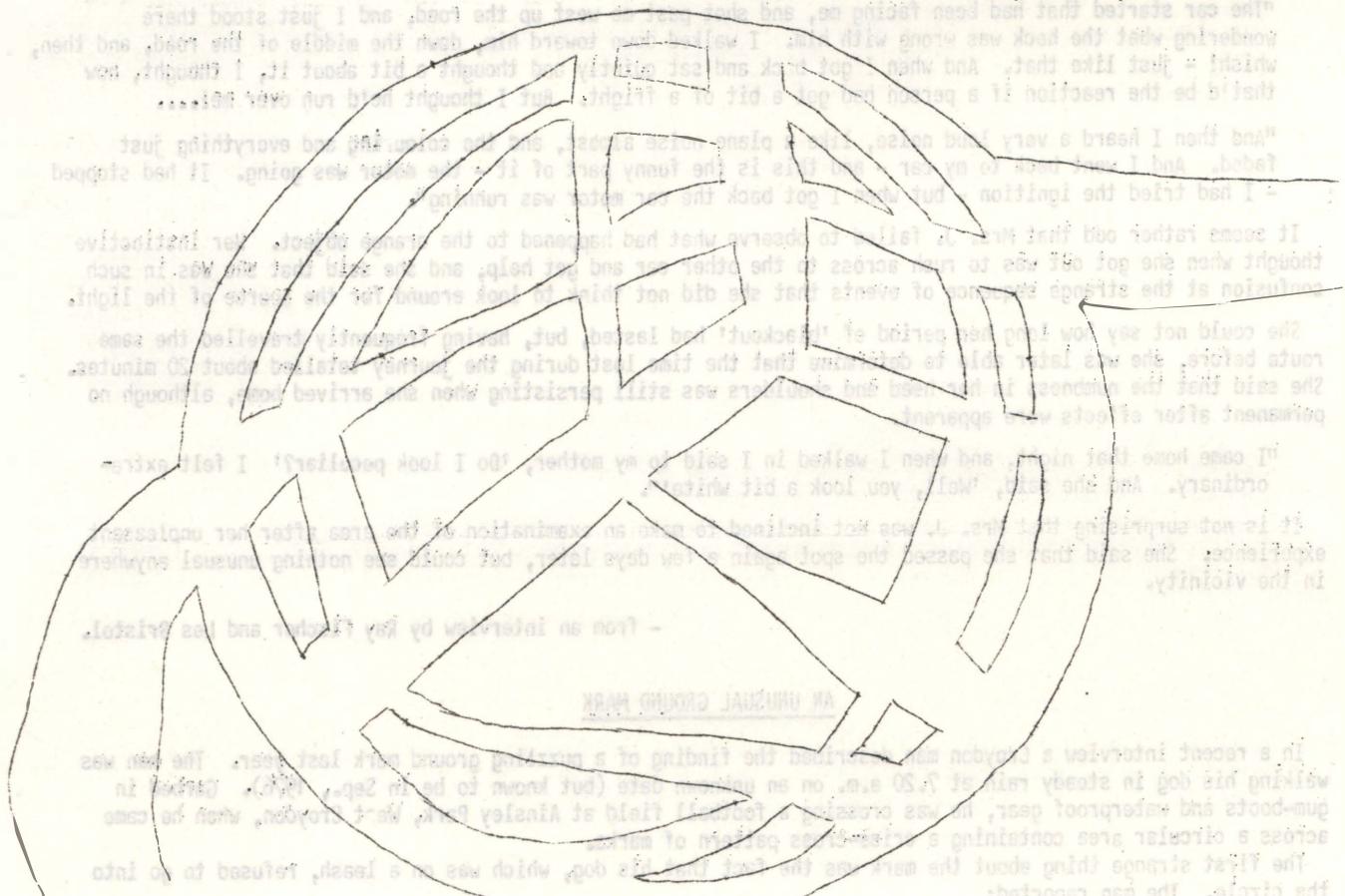
The diagram is a tracing of the man's plan, which he claims to be a fairly accurate copy of the mark. The "criss-cross" pattern clearly stood out, although he was not sure exactly what was producing the contrasting areas. He thought it might possibly have been slightly different colours of the grass that delineated the pattern. He said that the pattern seemed to stand out clearer than ever after an electrical storm a few days later. There was not a trace of any material substance detectable on the grass.

Since he had walked his dog the same route the evening before, he knew that the mark had appeared during the previous night. He made inquiries to the local council who administered the park, thinking possibly that workmen had been carrying out special treatment, but they knew of nothing to explain it. There were no man-made traces, such as footprints or vehicle tracks, anywhere near the circle. He said that the mark remained visible for several weeks, but when we visited the site in early February, there was nothing to be seen.

No sightings in the area at the time are known, but a strange sound was heard during the night the mark appeared:

"My next door neighbour suggested that around about 10 past 12 the particular night that the thing came he heard a very funny whining sound, which he thought was his refrigerator playing up, and he thought it might have been the motor in that. So he got up and had a listen to his refrigerator, and it wasn't his.... He thought it was someone using a lathe on metal". This witness declined to talk to us.

- Ray Fischer, Les Bristol.



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MORE LIGHTS IN THE NORTH WEST

More night lights have been observed in the Mildura area following the the Karawinna and other sightings reported in the last Bulletin. The police officer at Werrimull, a few km. from the Karawinna site, was interested in the sightings, and made an attempt to see one for himself. In a letter, Nov., 1976, he writes:

The sightings other than the one at Karawinna have all been "lights in the sky", or should I say a light in the sky a bit bigger than the biggest star, appears to change red on top and bottom or all around....

A Mr. _____ phoned about 8:30 p.m. about a week before the Boulton sighting (Karawinna) that there was this light south east of his farm. On 13th Oct., at about 8.30 p.m. he phoned again to say he heard a humming noise outside, didn't think it sounded like a car or a plane - he went outside and there was a large red light, white as well, and appeared to be over his neighbour's home (about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away). It disappeared behind trees at neighbour's home....

A Mr. _____ phoned about 9 p.m. on Tuesday 26th Oct. to say he and his son were watching a light west of their farm, and had been watching it for some 10 minutes. I immediately drove out there and observed it through my binoculars - to me it was stationary like an over-large star changing red on bottom and top....

This week I made a further appeal in the local newsheet I print which is distributed through the district, to report any sightings of lights so that we can endeavour to phone neighbours to look also.... The locals are discussing the phenomenon and apparently some say that the old folk have talked about a light in the sky around this district and they named it " ? Lantern". I have made an appeal for information on this, also. The locals who mentioned this cannot think of the name it was given, except the "Lantern" part....

** Samples from the Karawinna site were examined by a local university. No abnormal radioactivity was detected and no difference could be found in samples taken from the centre, the edge, and the outside of the circle.

SIGHTINGS MOVE TO SWAN HILL

The Swan Hill Guardian reports a number of sightings for the first week of January, 1977:

UFO Sighted Near Lake Boga (SHG, Jan. 7)

Four people claim to have sighted an unidentified flying object between Lake Boga and Swan Hill on Tuesday night (Jan. 4) A 25 year old woman who reported the sighting to the Guardian on Wednesday afternoon said it was "a terrifying experience". The woman, from Melbourne, is holidaying at Lake Boga as a guest of relatives. At the time of the sighting she was with three friends - one from Melbourne and two from Western Australia - two men and a woman, all in their early 20s. She added that two members of the group were non-drinkers.

The woman said the UFO was first seen by the four as the car arrived at the Murray Valley Highway from a side road at Lake Boga, shortly after 8 p.m. Initially, the occupants of the vehicle took little notice of "this thing", which they believed to be a vapour trail from a jet aircraft. However, on closer observation as they drove north along the highway toward Swan Hill, the "vapour trail" took on the appearance of a tail. According to the woman, the object came closest to the car at the sharp bend near the Castle Donnington Primary School, and changed course to follow the vehicle along the highway. She said that even from the closer range it was still impossible to see a definite outline of the object, which gave off "a very white, incredibly bright light", but it appeared to be flat.

The occupants of the car decided to stop and investigate further, shortly after passing the 3SH transmitter. The woman said that when the car stopped, the object immediately soared into the sky and first took on the appearance of a red star. Then it began to glow, developed into a red ball, and shot across the sky in a north to north-easterly direction, crossing Pental Island. The object made no sound.... She said the behaviour of the "light" had ruled out the possibility of it being an aircraft, a jet or a meteor....

UFO Mystery Grows: Other Sightings (SHG, Jan. 12)

....One of the sightings reported on Friday was made 8 km north of Swan Hill, at Tyntynder, on Tuesday night. The other was made from a rural area of Swan Hill, near the cemetery, at about 11 p.m. on Wednesday (Jan. 5)....

The Swan Hill man who reported Wednesday night's sighting said : "I've always been sceptical of claims of flying saucer sightings in the past, but believe me, there was something there; this was a craft of some sort".

The man, 35, said the object had been watched from close range for 20 minutes, by himself, his wife, his sister and brother-in-law. His wife raised the alarm at 10.55 p.m. She had been to an outside toilet after the rest of the household were in bed. The man said his wife returned "as white as a sheet" and petrified, with the news that something strange was hovering directly over the house. The four went outside to investigate and saw "a huge white object glowing so brightly that the light was almost blinding".

The man said the light dimmed and the object plummeted groundward at incredible speed and then "stopped dead with a slight bouncing action, as if it had landed on a trampoline". Then it went through a series of manoeuvres over several minutes, as if it was "going through gears", before moving off slowly in a westerly direction. During this procedure the object gave off green and red lighting. The man said the object was roughly the shape of the containers used for packaging margarine. "It was an eerie sensation watching the object go through manoeuvres which could not be carried out by conventional aircraft to my knowledge", the man said. There was no sound from the object, he added.

A young Swan Hill woman said she and her husband saw a mystery light in the northern sky as they drove home from Kerang in the early hours of New Year's Day. The woman said they were about 16 km. north of Kerang at the time when they saw a large red glowing ball rise up from the northern skyline and then drop out of sight.

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"At the time my husband jokingly remarked, 'flying saucer'", the woman said. She said the light would have been perhaps 16 km. from where they were, in the direction of Lake Boga....

(In the same article a reader claimed that the Tuesday night sighting might have been a jet. He said he had seen a similar sight at about that time, and that it was an aircraft shining brightly in the sunlight, leaving a short vapour trail which was glowing red in the late sun. However, he could not account for the claims made of variation in the altitude of the object seen near Lake Boga.)

Several more reports were described in the *Guardian* for Jan. 14, but they could all be conceivably attributed to aircraft and other natural phenomena.

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An Occupant Report Daw Park, S.A., May 30, 1976. At 0210 hrs the man's radio began to pick up static and his German Shepherd began barking. Through his bedroom window, towards the west, he could see a figure standing, which appeared humanoid, wearing a silver suit with a symbol on a box like object (30 cm. by 30 cm) which was attached to its chest by straps. The symbol looked like a figure eight with a line at 45 degrees on the left side from the bottom to half way up the eight. The figure, 165 - 175 cm tall, was standing on a lawn about 10 m. from the witness, had a black visor like object over the face. Walking towards the door for a better look, he could see the figure bending over, patting the dog. The dog barked at seeing the man, and the figure looked up and said something incomprehensible. The figure now approached the man, causing him to rush inside. Turning at the door, he saw the figure taking to the air as though it was wearing a jet pack, although no mode of propulsion could be seen. It entered a metallic silver cigar shaped object glowing red at the rear and green at the top. The object was hovering in the west over a line of trees. After the figure had entered the object it moved off towards the north. The sighting had lasted about 5 min. There were no physical effects on the witness, although the strong emotional impact was evident six months later. Three days after the incident a number of footmarks all around the lawn were noticed, which were gone 1 - 2 weeks later. These marks were slightly larger than a normal man's foot, and were indented 1½ cm. into the lawn. They formed a track from a fence to the spot where the man had seen the figure.

The case is still under investigation by *UFO Research Inc.*, S.A.

(Summary of a report in *UFO Research Inc. Newsletter*, No. 23, 1977)

QUEENSLAND

Circle Starts UFO Puzzle (*Melbourne Sun*, 5/2/1977) A brown circular spot on the ground, with four smaller circles equidistant from it, has people in Northern Queensland puzzled. The 6½ metre patch with its attendant one metre diameter satellite marks is near Mt. Garnet, about 165 km south of Mareeba, west of Cairns. Some people are linking the unusual spot with the recent strange behaviour of dogs in the area, and very bad TV and radio reception. The unspoken thought is: "Was it a UFO - an unidentified flying object?"

Stuart King, editor of the *Tableland Advertiser*, said yesterday the spot was not burnt, just browned. "A tree has been knocked down and so have some branches", he said. "The spot is invisible from the road, but was found by a 16 year old boy who was out looking for old bottles on Monday".

Mr. King said that judging by the way grass had grown round the spot, it could have been made any time during the past fortnight. He said there had been no reports of strange lights in the sky or unidentified flying objects which might have made the marks.

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Nurse Tells of Glowing UFO (*Perth Sunday Times*, 26/12/1976) A sighting of a brightly lit bell-like object that followed a car driven by a young nurse near Sawyer's Valley has excited *UFO* experts in WA. The nurse, 25, who does not want to be named, was driving her car along the Great Eastern Highway to Perth on Dec. 13. About 4 km. before the turn-off to Lake Leschenaultia at 9.40 p.m., she noticed a bright orange glow on the right side of the road.

She saw what at first appeared to be a capsule or rocket flying at the same speed as the car. A second look confirmed its true shape - a large bell. It was flying just beyond the width of the road skimming the treetops. "It was like a dream", she said later. "I grew agitated and lost my sense of steering. The car was swerving from side to side, so I stopped".

The object stopped, too. It hovered above a tree. The car engine was running and the radio turned on full, which drowned any noise coming from outside. The nurse, although lonely and scared, forced herself to take a good look at the object. She said it was made of a reflecting type of metal and was many times bigger than the car. A series of portholes along the bottom half of the bell shape showed white light. Oblong apertures at the top shone with a yellow glow. On the flat surface underneath were four coloured lights. The nurse identified a red and a blue, but could not remember the other two.

She drove away and the object followed her for about 2 km. when it suddenly dipped into a gully and veered off. The nurse did not stop until she arrived at her sister's house in Belmont. She was in an agitated state.

Police at Mundaring were contacted but no *UFO* reports had been made that night. The RAAF Base at Pearce stated that no object had appeared on radar screens. A report was made to the *Perth UFO Research Group*, whose Publicity Officer, Mr. George Hume, said it was the best description of a *UFO* received for some years. There had been two other recent sightings, one at Midland on Dec. 17, and the other at Dumbleyung the following night....

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The nurse's sister said she was convinced that the description of the object near Sawyer's Valley was correct. "My sister is a down-to-earth person and as a nurse she is concerned with the realities of life", she said. "She does not want her name mentioned because the event was so way out that the staff at the country hospital where she works would lose confidence in her"....

UFOs Riddle in Kalgoorlie Sky (Perth Sunday Times, 26/12/76) Three UFO sightings were made in the Kalgoorlie area on Thursday - two by the same man. The first UFO was seen at 12.25 p.m. by Mr. Michael Winterbourne, meteorological officer at Kalgoorlie airport. He had just completed making a weather balloon observation with his theodolite when he saw an object racing across the sky.

He said it was white and shaped like an Australian Rules football. It was glowing with fuzzy edges, and pulsating as it moved at great speed from horizon to horizon. It came from the north east and before it disappeared into the north west it remained stationary for about 5 seconds.

When Mr. Winterbourne came out to make the 3 p.m. weather observation at 2.45 p.m., he saw the object again. It came from the east, again at tremendous speed, making an arc overhead to disappear in the west. In both sightings Mr. Winterbourne was able to use his stop watch on the flights. Both were timed at 12 seconds from horizon to horizon. According to his calculation, this made the speed of the object at 24,000 km/h.

Later in the day another UFO was seen by Mr. Dave Bower, of the Scotia nickel mine. According to this report, which was made to Mr. Winterbourne, it was a slow-moving object drifting westward at about 100,000 feet. Because of the slow drift, Mr. Winterbourne said this object could have been an American research balloon of the type released on the edge of outer space.

He said the objects he saw were not balloons. "The sighting size was about that of a five cent piece at arm's length", he said. "What it was I would not like to guess". Mr. Winterbourne said he was a scientific observer. He had not read books on UFO sightings.

Man Sees "Disc" in Night Sky (Perth News, 20/12/1976) A Salters Point man says he saw a "bright disc" flying close to treetops last night. He said it was near Aquinas College. Mr. Neil Brennan, of Howard Place, said the disc was about 60 cm in diameter. He and a friend, Mr. Dean Gibbs, had gone outside after hearing a whirring sound. He saw the blazing disc hovering about 10 metres above the ground behind his house. Then it moved quickly off in a westerly direction and disappeared after a few seconds. A spokesman for the Astronomical observatory said there had been no reports of the object. Mr. Brennan said none of his neighbours had noticed the object.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Flap of Activity in the Gosford Area Harry Griesberg of ACOS reports that 30 residents of the Central Coast district reported sightings over a month period during Sep. and Oct., 1976. Some of the incidents include:

Sep. 10: A retired couple in The Entrance noticed a "big round globe-like, very brilliant white light" hovering for about 25 minutes over the Tuggerah Lake. Then the light suddenly went out and a beam of light came on and shone straight down onto the water for about 5 minutes. The beam then completely went out, and there was no sign of either the beam or the object. Just before the light died and the beam came on, the object changed colour very quickly from a very brilliant white to a deep orange.

Sep. 18: A woman in Davistown reported: "Just prior to 2100, I walked down the backyard, and about two houses further down, just above treetop level, was this strange object which had two large lights just like car headlights, but very bright. A reflection was coming from them, and I could just get a very faint look at the front as the back was so bright, but the front was long and shaped like the point of an ice cream cone... It went out over the water, and it made no noise.... As it faded away, I turned, and just at that moment, from behind the tree was a ball. To me it was round, orange in colour, not very big, I would say the size of an orange. It also made no sound whatever, and it followed the same direction as the first object...."

Sep. 18: Five witnesses in Holgate observed between 2010 and 2030 an object in a WNW direction at 30° elevation, just above treetop level. About four times larger than a star, it appeared to be a central(sic) shape, similar to a football on end, or like an egg, and had orange, blue and green lights revolving round it. The revolving lights seemed to speed up and the object increased in size. As it did this, the object seemed to ascend slowly, come down again, and sometimes rose in a 45 degree climb to the right and then return to its original position. It then dropped behind the trees, returned to its original position, then dropped completely out of sight below the horizon.

(From ACOS Bulletin, Sep., 1976)

Oct. 10: Disc Shaped Object Over Entrance (Gosford Express, 16/10/1976)It was sighted by several motorists driving along Wilfred Barrett Drive on the North Entrance Peninsula last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Harry Griesberg, an official of the local UFO group, said a distressed woman rang him soon after sighting the weird object. The woman, from the Gorokan area, wished to remain anonymous, he said. She told him that she had seen a disc-shaped object emitting four light beams at about 6.45 p.m. last Sunday. The drivers of other cars in front and at her rear must also have sighted the mystery object, she said, as they all raced away at high speed. The woman witness said the object had hovered at about 50 metres. She could still see it as she drove over The Entrance bridge but said she wasn't game to stop as her "knees had gone to jelly". Several other motorists who also sighted the object are understood to have telephoned the local radio station after their eerie experience.

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Oct. 10: That same night, at 2000 hours, a creature was seen at Crackneck Lookout, about 4 miles away. Two young couples were parked at the lookout. At 2015 the two men, Tony and Nigel, went to the nearby cliff edge. Tony describes the event: "...We heard some noises down there....(like grass rustling and shuffling) So we walked up to a little clearing in the side of the cliff and looked down. We saw this thing crawling up the hill and it was all in an off-white colour....we ran all the way back to the car and got inside. I was shaking like anything. We locked all the doors. We said (to the two girls, Linda and Mandy) we saw something down there....They started to believe us. Then all of a sudden we saw this thing coming up through the trees. Nigel saw it first. He said to the rest of us that he saw it. We all looked down there and Mandy in front started to just scream. I saw it from the knees to its head....all off white and its face - its eyes were just like fly's eyes.... and its mouth was just only round....I could distinctly see it had three joints in its arms. Its legs were huge. Shoulders were about 36 inches across. Its fingers were pointed". It seemed to approach the car momentarily, looked away when the car lights came on. Nigel then reversed the car as quick as possible and drove off. The creature also had no hair whatsoever. Immediately before the creature was seen, Linda saw a rectangular orange light out to sea, on the water's surface. The light was also seen on previous nights out to sea from the same spot. (ACOS Bulletin)

Oct. 6: Strange Sighting Over Bellbrook (Kempsey Argus, 23/10/1976).Gordon Rossiter, the 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rossiter, graziers of Bellbrook, thought nothing of the sighting, saying that such sightings were so common in the Bellbrook area that locals talked about them as if they were everyday occurrences. The sighting took place at 7.35 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 6....Gordon Rossiter takes up the story:

"We were driving along the Armidale Road and when about one mile from Bellbrook, on a slight hill, we noticed this bright red light in the sky to the north of the village. We stopped the car on the side of the road and watched the object for about 30 seconds. One of us looked at a watch and saw that it was exactly 7.35 p.m. We watched the object take an erratic path from the north of Bellbrook. It did not travel in a straight line but kept going up and down, making its way towards Bellbrook. Once it was past Bellbrook it suddenly dropped, as if it were going to land in the river. Then we saw it shoot upwards at about a 60 degree angle to the horizon. It levelled off for a time and then we lost sight of it behind the mountains. All the while the bright red light was pulsating like a heart beat. I could not tell what shape it was because from that distance any shape looks round"....

Since the incident Gordon said he has heard that at least two other Bellbrook residents saw the object in the area either on the same night or within a few days of it....Gordon said he first saw the object in the north travelling at about 45 degrees to the horizon. He said apart from when it shot up out of the river valley at about 60 degrees, it remained at the 45 degree level. He said the object was about half the size of a full moon....

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SHOCK UFO FIND! This was the headline in huge letters taking up the whole of the front page of the Auckland (NZ) Sunday News for Jan. 16, 1977. The supposedly sensational discovery turns out to be the so-called "angel hair". According to the article:

A black triangular shaped UFO yesterday dropped a mystery substance over South Auckland. The substance has been collected by a Weymouth man and will be taken to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research for analysis this week. UFO experts say the substance could be "angel hair", a material which has been found overseas following a UFO sighting. It could be the first time the mystery substance has been found in New Zealand. In the first reported UFO sighting of the year, Mr. Brian Ferrabee, of Lane Road, has collected "a sticky, cob-web sort of silver material" that fell to earth yesterday afternoon.

"I was up painting the roof of my house about 1 p.m. this afternoon when I noticed this material filtering down to the ground", the pharmaceutical firm sales manager said after the sighting. "It was falling onto trees and over the ground. I looked around the sky to see where it could be coming from...there was a slight westerly breeze blowing across my section at the time. Way up in the distance was a distinct black, triangular shaped object, heading north - it was about the height at which small aircraft fly".

Brian said he's not a UFO nut and the hot sun yesterday hadn't affected him. "I couldn't believe it - I scampered down the ladder and started collecting the stuff still falling on the ground, as fast as I could. It was sticky... like cobwebs. It was over power lines and TV aerials and it was filtering down in the light breeze. There was no noise at all. The distinctly triangular object - unlike an aeroplane - disappeared and I finished putting the stuff in a container. I'll be taking it in to the DSIR tomorrow"....

New Zealand's acknowledged UFO expert, Captain Bruce Cathie, was last night excited at the "find". He was heading for Weymouth to examine the substance which he says dissipates if left in open air. "It's a plasma-type of substance that won't last", he said. "It's said to be a sort of residue made out of the atmosphere from the fields created by the UFO vehicle...."

*The existence of such a substance has not been established with any degree of certainty. Some instances of "angel hair" in the past have actually turned out to be the webs of certain types of spiders. Until further reliable information is available, one could be a little cautious with an over-dramatised report such as this. - Ed.

OVERSEASThe Night A UFO Dropped In (Harlow, Essex, U.K., Gazette, 21/1/1977)

Mark Draper, a 13 year old schoolboy of Rushes Mead, Harlow, was out in his back garden admiring the night sky one clear evening in October. Suddenly, above rooftops, Mark noticed an object very different to anything he had ever seen before. The object moved across the sky at a "leisurely pace", maintaining an even altitude while flashing red-white rotating lights.

When Mark told his parents what he had seen they laughed, thinking he was joking. But exactly a week later, on another Thursday evening, Mark's mother, Mrs. Irene Draper, saw the same object. "I don't want people to think I'm a nut", said Mrs. Draper, "I actually saw this object and later there were up to five identical objects in the sky." Mrs. Draper only revealed what she had seen this week, to coincide with a report prepared by the Essex UFO Study Group on sightings in Harlow. Mrs. Draper is convinced it is not a figment of her imagination. And she also has four witnesses who saw the same object.

On the evening of Thursday, Oct. 14, Mrs. Draper was gathering washing from her garden when she saw a strange object in the sky. On calling Mark out, she discovered it was the same as he had seen the previous week. "Within a short time there were three, hovering in a horizontal line to the left of Willowfield Tower. One suddenly broke formation and gradually accelerated until it was pacing an aircraft which was passing", said Mrs. Draper. Another two objects joined the formation and Mrs. Draper and Mark felt it was time somebody else was let in on the sightings.

Neighbour Mr. Charles Patience and his 13 year old daughter Amanda were called and they saw the same objects clearly. "One of the objects then did a strange thing. Mark had brought out a torch which had a red flashing top. He turned this on and one of the five objects suddenly left its position and began to move closer towards us as if coming to have a look", said Mrs. Draper.

Mrs. Eileen Patience, who was watching out of her window, said the object swooped down low and gave out a bright torch-like beam of white light from the under side as if examining the ground below. The object then returned to its formation and they moved off in a westerly direction.... Mrs. Draper can offer no explanation for the objects. "But there was no sound at all, they could not have been aeroplanes. They were the wrong shape anyway, clearly disc shaped....

Two Recent British Sightings (London Daily Mirror, 31/1/1977)

On the night of Wednesday, Jan. 5, Mr. and Mrs. S. took their spaniel, Flop, for his usual after-supper romp across the flat farmland surrounding their lonely Suffolk cottage. The sky was clear and the full moon cast a warm inviting light over the countryside. But a freezing wind forced Mr. and Mrs. S. to turn back after only a few minutes.

When Flop began to growl at them, Mr. and Mrs. S. put it down to disappointment. But the growls turned to angry snarling, then to frantic coat-tugging, then to urgent barking. When they reached the cottage Flop gave a final howl and bolted. Clearly, something was very wrong...and when Mr. and Mrs. S. turned to call Flop, they saw what had worried him so much. Hovering low over the next field was a huge, grey, saucer-shaped object.

For the next twenty minutes they watched something that defies logical earthly explanation. Mr. S. says: "The saucer was about 100 yards away at a height of 80 feet. We could see it clearly and there is no way it could have been a balloon, a low cloud, stray washing or even a hoax. Its size was overwhelming - the height of a double-decker bus. And I estimated its diameter as 50 feet. There was no noise, in fact, it seemed all the more eerie and menacing by just hovering in total silence. There were no lights, windows or doors and no markings. The underneath was partly in shadow, but I am certain there were no wheels or legs. We just stood there, holding each other in sheer terror. Neither of us spoke or moved and we quite forgot we were so cold. After about twenty minutes the saucer suddenly took off. There was no noise, no jet stream. It seemed to lift itself into the sky - incredibly fast, faster than anything I have ever seen - and in a fraction of a second it had gone".

Stunned, Mr. and Mrs. S. went indoors, where their 21 year old son had been watching TV, unaware of the UFO hovering outside. He told them that for almost half an hour the screen had been upset by waves of electrical interference, returning to normal only a few seconds before his parents walked in. "Surely there is a connection", reasons Mr. S. "Surely the TV aerial was a silent witness..."

The Suffolk sky has long been fertile territory for UFO spotters, but on this occasion no one else had reported seeing saucers. The RAF and the USAF each have an important base nearby, but neither had any aircraft movement over the area that night. Nor did their all-seeing ground radar scanners detect anything unusual.

So did Mr. and Mrs. S. imagine it? Unlikely that two people should share a joint dream. Were they mistaken about what they saw? Unlikely - the moon gave a good light and the UFO was very close to the ground. Did they make it all up? Unlikely - he is a senior civil servant, anxious to remain anonymous in case his career prospects are damaged by "the wrong publicity". She is a dedicated fund-raiser, committee-sitter and do-gooder, fearful of being labelled a crank.

Anyway, if the flying saucer didn't exist, what upset Flop the dog? He was found two days later in a village four miles away, shivering, exhausted and hungry. Why does he now refuse to go out at night? Why is he so afraid of going near the field next door, even in daylight? And if it was all a dream, why did it upset the TV twice?

Yes, twice. Says Mr. S.: "The following night we were watching TV when the picture broke into zig-zag lines. I ran to the window, pulled aside the blind - and there was the saucer again. I just had time to see that it was in the same place and at the same height as the night before. A split second later it flew upwards and vanished".

OVERSEAS

Did Joyce Bowles and Ted Pratt meet a man from another planet on the A272 in Hampshire last November 14? Their strange story, culminating in what ufologists term a "humanoid occupant encounter" - began at 8.50 that Sunday night.

As Mrs. Bowles was driving Mr. Pratt from Winchester to Chilcomb her Mini began to shake violently, finally careering on to a grass verge. At that moment, say she and Mr. Pratt, they saw a 15 foot glowing orange cigar hovering in the road. Mrs. Bowles, 42, says: "We realised that three figures were watching us from a window in the cigar. Then one of the figures materialised by the Mini. He peered through my window at the dashboard controls, walked to the back of the car, then he and the cigar simply vanished."

She describes the man as 6 feet tall, slim with long blond hair and a dark beard. He wore a silver boiler suit fastened with a full-length zip. Mr. Pratt, 58, and a farm manager, says: "I was scared, but when he stared at me with very bright eyes I began to feel peace and tranquility flooding through me".

In Britain, almost all UFOs are sighted high in the sky. Reports of UFOs coming down to earth (termed as landings or low level encounters) are rare. Rarer still are reports of humanoid occupant encounter. Mrs. Bowles and Mr. Pratt stand by every word of their story, regretting only that at the time there were no other drivers on the A272 to substantiate what they saw.

However, there is a curious sidelight to the story which, in fairness to the couple, they could not have known at the time. On that Sunday, and the previous day, there were eight separate UFO sightings in the Winchester-Southampton area. Seven people saw a glowing orange cigar shaped UFO. And one person reported "a strange looking man in a silver suit".

Russians Debate UFO Mysteries (Geelong Advertiser, 15/12/1976): Moscow - An unusual debate has been going on for the past few months here on TV and in the press on whether there are intelligent beings in outer space. Russians have always been highly interested in flying saucers and recently a clandestine Samizdat pamphlet reported on a lecture by a professor at the aviation institute on this theme. He commented on recent sightings of UFOs in various parts of the Soviet Union and even gave a description of spacemen. The pamphlet has been severely criticised by the Communist youth organ, Komsomolskaya Pravda, which preferred explanations that flying saucers and other objects were the result of optical or atmospheric illusions.

Professor Alexai Zolotov has contradicted these explanations. After 17 years of research, the professor said that the explosion of 1908 in Siberia was caused by the crash of a nuclear-powered vehicle from outer space. The debate on whether there are beings in outer space has spilled over from science into philosophy. A member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences told the Soviet Party newspaper, Pravda, that he was convinced there were other beings in the universe because this belief motivates man to explore the Cosmos. But the celebrated astrophysicist, Josef Chlosky, on the other hand, wrote recently in the philosophical review, Voprossy Filosofii that we must realise we are alone in the universe and this should be a stimulant for our work.

Recently, Russians have been excited by tales of the so-called Bermuda Triangle, where over 100 ships and planes have disappeared in the past decade. Pravda reported recently that following a TV program on the Triangle, many viewers had written to the Soviet Academy of Sciences with their own, highly imaginative, explanations. The Soviet news agency, Tass, quoted an engineer who theorised that losses in the Triangle had been caused by a new or full moon interfering with navigational instruments. The next danger days in this case were Dec. 20 and Jan. 18, Tass noted. During the program, a guest speaker said the losses in the Triangle were inexplicable from a logical point of view here on earth, although the official commentator gave scientific explanations.

Mr. L. Brekhovski, President of the Oceanographic Commission of the Academy of Sciences, criticised certain Soviet publications for giving coverage to scientific lies. He said that losses in the Bermuda Triangle could have been caused by unusual weather conditions in the area caused by the Gulf Stream, whose swift-flowing current would carry away all traces of wreckage.

The same subject is dealt with again in another article in the Advertiser, 9/2/1977:

....No one seems to know exactly how it started. The flying saucer bug is not new here - UFOs caught the public fancy in the Soviet Union as well as the U.S. during the 1950s and 1960s. Some people remember hearing several foreign radio broadcasts last year about UFOs throughout the world....

The topic became especially tantalising in autumn when thousands of copies of a lecture on UFOs - supposedly delivered by Professor F. Zigel of the Moscow Aviation Institute - began circulating clandestinely here like some sort of dissident appeal. The six-page document reported that two flying saucers had landed in the Volgograd region during 1975. Another 300 confirmed UFO sightings have been reported in the Soviet Union, the paper said. Among those were the cases of the spot of light over the Caucasian city of Nalchik, the object that followed a Soviet airliner from Yorkuta to Omsk and the "saucer" that stopped car motors in 1961 at a railway crossing. But the authorities, the paper said, "have put a ban on any kind of publication about unidentified flying objects"....

In the Soviet Union the Government treats even the most mundane information secret, so unapproved subjects often gain the widest interest....A favourite place where tales were exchanged was in the queues of thousands of people who waited for hours in November to visit a USA bicentennial exhibition set up in the capital. Russian-speaking American guides working at the show found themselves bombarded with questions, most of which could be traced back to the Ziegel paper....

What does the Soviet establishment have to fear from the UFO craze? For one thing, the leadership fears the disruptive effects of anything sensational. The conservative Soviet scientific community also tends to be critical of anything it cannot explain or produce. Cynics cite another reason for the official position. "They don't want to admit there might be a force somewhere more highly developed than the Communist Party", one man said.

UFO ABDUCTIONS

The Melbourne Sunday Observer, 28/11/1976 reports:

UFOs have abducted hundreds of people according to a University of California professor who says he has investigated 20 cases. James Harder, a professor of hydraulics at Berkeley, said he had never seen a UFO but had talked to dozens of people who claimed they were taken aboard flying saucers. "Considering all the luck involved in finding one of these cases, and the numbers that I actually do find, there must be literally hundreds or perhaps thousands of abductions that have happened in the United States", he said. Under hypnosis, a number of people had revealed tales of being taken aboard alien spacecrafts and later returned....

The following report of such a case is reprinted from the New Zealand journal "Xenolog" No. 106:

On the evening of 10/11 June, 1976, 20 year old Helene Giuliana of Valence, France, was returning home alone after an evening with friends. Helene is well-considered by those who know her, and works for the mayor of the village, who speaks highly of her.

At about one o'clock in the morning she left her friend's place in Romans to travel the 17 km. to her home in Hostun, where she lives with her parents. The route, along national highway 535, is well known to her and carries a fair bit of traffic, even at night. The trip usually takes about 20 minutes, and 6 km. from Romans the road follows the bank of the River Isere before crossing over on the Martinet bridge.

Just past the bridge, her four-litre car started misfiring. At first Helene thought it had run out of petrol, but remembered there had been plenty when she had left the picture theatre. The car had always been reliable before, and it seemed unlikely the engine would cause trouble. After a few more metres the engine stalled completely and the car coasted along the side of the road. Then, strangely, the lights went out.

Some 25 metres away, Helene said, she saw an orangey-red glimmering dome of light. She could hardly believe her eyes. After a few moments she looked up at the object again, but the glimmering light had completely gone. Panicking slightly, she started the car again and set off for home. She was extremely frightened and was still shaking after travelling several kilometres. On arriving home she went to her sister's room and awoke her with a start. Her sister asked her where she had been, as it was four o'clock in the morning! Helene still thought she had left her friends in Romans less than 30 minutes before.

After telling her parents and employer the next day what had happened, news spread quickly. Mr. Andre Revol of Saint Marcellin, an investigator for "OURANOS", contacted her, and proposed she be questioned under hypnosis by Mr. Stephane Dey of Grenoble. On the 22d. of July the hypnotic interview took place, and Helene was able to enlarge on the events of June 11, although she had no conscious memory of the lost two hours at all. On Aug. 18 the experience was repeated for Channel 3 TV in Lyons. For 40 minutes Helene repeated her account under hypnosis without contradiction or hesitation.

"When the car stopped she had seen a bright light which hurt her eyes, coming from the object. Two little men approached the car and, opening a door, then carried her towards the light. Looking back, her car seemed to have disappeared, and she was taken into the machine through a metallic door.

"The dwarfs carrying her were short and wearing black overalls. Helene said they had large eyes and were ugly, and was able to sketch them when handed a pen and paper. They had tall rounded heads, and they laid her out on a kind of table, placing what seemed like handcuffs on her wrists and feet. Everything around her seemed metallic, and then the dwarfs placed a kind of napkin on her front. Her head seemed to fill with white, red and yellow lights, and one of the dwarfs traced circles above her pullover with a kind of glowing box.... Next, Helene seemed to be outside again. She noticed the machine had three legs about three metres high and there were blinking lights above these".

Details are sketchy, but the program, broadcast on the 24th. Aug. caused considerable interest, especially as the incident happened near a busy highway without other motorists reporting anything. Helene still has no conscious memory of those two lost hours. At present her pullover is being examined at the Atomic Energy Centre in Grenoble to see if there are any unusual traces from the incident, and another hypnotic session is planned soon in front of specialists and experts from different fields.

IRANIAN AIR FORCE INCIDENT

Sep. 19, 1976: Just after midnight the Iranian Air Force in Tehran received a number of calls about a bright star-like object. At 1.30 a.m. an F-4 jet took off to investigate the object, about 70 miles away, but after about 40 miles, all the plane's communications and instrumentation were lost suddenly. The pilot immediately turned back, whereupon the systems returned to normal function.

A second F-4 took off at 1.40, made radar contact, and was able to gain on the object until it suddenly accelerated. Chasing the light, the crew reported that it was intensely brilliant, like flashing strobe lights in a rectangular pattern, rapidly alternating blue, green, red and orange. Suddenly a smaller brilliant object came out of the UFO at high speed, straight towards the pursuing plane. The pilot started to fire a missile at this object, but at that moment his weapons control panel and communications went off. He turned to evade the projectile, but it followed the jet around, accelerated inside the plane's turn, and climbed back to rejoin the other object. The systems were now back to normal, so the jet resumed the chase.

Next, another object was discharged from the side of the UFO. This dived towards the ground at great speed, but appeared to come to rest gently in some hills. The main UFO disappeared at many times the speed of sound. On the ground, the object appeared to cast a very bright light over an area 2 to 3 km. in diameter.

After returning to their base, the crew observed a cylindrical object pass above them while they were circling the airfield. This object, which was also seen by ground watchers, had bright lights on each end and a flashing light in the middle.

At dawn that morning, the same crew went by helicopter to the site of the landing, a dry lake bed, but no trace could be found. While flying away from the site, the helicopter picked up a beeper signal. When it was at its strongest they saw an isolated farm house, where they landed and asked the resident if he had seen anything the night before. The farmer replied that he had heard a loud sound and seen a very bright light in the landing site area.

When returning from the UFO chase, the crew had noted a great deal of UHF radio interference, and they completely lost all communications each time they passed through a certain magnetic bearing.

-condensed from a report in NICAP Investigator, Nov., 1976.

EXCERPTS FROM UFOCON TWO

A selection from papers presented at the second national UFO conference at Mt. Gambier, S.A., 24 - 26 Oct., 1976.

UFOCAT: A Unique Tool For UFO Research by Harry Griesberg, ACOS.

UFOCAT is a computer file of some 79,000 reports of UFOs. Dr. D. R. Saunders began building UFOCAT in 1967, and donated it to the Centre For UFO Studies in 1975. UFOCAT is being used to make statistical studies of UFO reports, such as Dr. Saunders' "Extraneous Factors in UFO Reporting" (Amer. Inst. of Aeronautics & Astronautics paper 75-43) and "A Spatio-Temporal Invariant for Major UFO Waves", contained in Proceedings of the CUFOS Conference, 1976, at present in publication. UFOCAT is also being used to provide catalogues of reports of particular interest to specialists. Such catalogues selectively list reports by such factors as geographical location, type of report, such as occupants or abductions, date of report, special report features such as imprints or electromagnetic effects, and even such factors as sightings from airplanes or reports from military personnel. The possible combinations are as broad as the user's request and the extent to which each factor is coded in the file....

UFOCAT has grown at an average rate approaching 10,000 entries per year. During this period the basic concept has not varied, but the best physical means for realising this concept has changed from time to time. By 1972, the file had grown to a size which was no longer reasonable to maintain as a deck of cards, so the primary file was moved to magnetic disc, with magnetic tape as a back-up. This arrangement was not expected to require further modification for another two to three years, or until the file reached about 90,000 entries....

With the now existing hardware and the present UFOCAT file structure a file approaching 350,000 entries can theoretically be handled in this manner without intolerable inefficiency. This means that two thirds of UFOCAT's existing capacity for data is unused....

For the purpose of coding the type of UFO report, ten different types are used. These are as follows:

0. The direct source considers that this was not properly regarded as a UFO report in the first place, though it may have definite ufological interest. UFO reports that later become explained should receive other codes based on the apparent phenomenology.
1. The UFO was essentially stationary throughout the period of its reported observation. Motion up to and including 15 degrees per hour is considered essentially stationary.
2. The UFO moved in a continuous trajectory at a speed greater than 15 deg. per hr.
3. The UFO moved in a non-continuous trajectory with a single discontinuity - such as pausing to hover or turning a sharp corner.
4. The UFO moved in a non-continuous trajectory with more than one discontinuity. This includes all types of complex trajectories.
5. The UFO "entered the frame of reference" of the witness. This may be indicated in many different ways, which are suggested by the sub-classifications. Vallee's "Type I", Keel's "Low Level", and Hynek's "Encounter" cases are all considered to be at least type 5. So are all photo cases, radar cases, EM cases, or cases "investigated" by the witness.
6. The UFO "landed" within the frame of reference of the witness. Physical traces may or may not be reported.
7. One or more "occupants" were reported by the witness.
8. The witness reports that there was intelligent communication associated with his experience, at a level of abstraction that would normally require the use of language. Thus, telepathic communications can qualify, but mere gestures and/or repetition of light signals do not automatically qualify.
9. The UFO apparently caused lasting physical or functional effects in the witness, or on other animal life, which remain after the UFO has gone. These effects may be either "good" or "bad".

From a typical UFO report, 46 different types of information is extracted and this is coded into 256 columns, and then fed into UFOCAT.

Following a request from ACOS, a printout was received from UFOCAT, of all Australian and NZ cases on file, and the result was a total of 2,276 cases dating from 1960 to early 1976. At present Mr. Bill Chalker is studying this printout, taking note of any errors, and possibly filling in missing details, which will then be forwarded to the Centre so that UFOCAT can be updated and corrected as far as Australian cases are concerned....

(It has been announced that Australia will be beginning a similar computer file in early 1977. This is being operated by A. Cole, of UFOIC, Sydney. UFOIC has at its disposal a 'Univac 1004 Card Processing Machine'. All Australian groups have agreed to use a uniform reference and coding system, so that the building of a file of all Australian cases can be commenced.)

Message to UFOCON TWO by Dr. Hynek Dr. Hynek sent his greetings and best wishes for the conference in a tape recorded address which was played to participants. Some of his comments are taken from a transcript by G. Griesberg for ACOS:

....Let me start from square one so to speak to tell you how the Centre for UFO Studies here came to be in the first place and then to tell you some of the exciting things that have happened since then and especially just lately. So, taking a deep breath and casting our minds back, let's cast them back clear to the early 17th century.

Science was quite young in those days, at least science as we know it, and the scientists were rather suspect of perhaps being in league with the devil for doing strange experiments and making telescopes and that sort of thing, and so it frequently happened that scientists would meet rather clandestinely to discuss their experiments, sometimes meeting in cabins, sometimes in their own homes, and so on, and at that time they called themselves "The Invisible College". Well, a few centuries later we had another group of scientists meeting rather clandestinely and furtively to discuss their interest in UFOs and we also called ourselves "The Invisible College", thinking that it was rather appropriate, because in a sense many people felt that we also were in league with the devil. One of the main members of this little group of ours was Jacques Vallee, another was Fred Beckman, and Dave Saunders and a number of others from time to time. We felt for years that it would be unwise to surface and I was sort of the spokesman for the group since I was already visible, and I, in a sense, protected their invisibility. But there came a time, namely in 1973, when we had quite a flap of UFOs here in the States, especially in the south eastern part of the US, and it was at this time that the famous Pascagoula Mississippi two fishermen case occurred. That hit the press and caused a great deal of comment, but of course what most people don't realise is that that instance was really one of 70 other instances of humanoids that had been reported in a two month period. Altogether there were many hundreds of reports that came at that time. Since the Air Force was out of it and nobody seemed to be paying any particular attention, nobody so to speak was minding the store, our invisible college got a little disturbed at this and we decided at that time to go visible - to create, in short, the Centre for UFO Studies....

Then, however, came the problem how to get funds.... We finally hit upon a plan to get our necessary research funds through the publication of a new type of newsletter. It starts in October and will be a ten page publication aimed to keep readers current with the UFO scene so to speak. I am to be the editor, and we have through some very excellent financial backers for this purpose only been able to obtain the full time of a managing editor and investigator, and we now have an outgoing unlimited telephone service limited to the US. This means that when calls come in on our police hotline as they do several times a day, our full time paid investigator can make free use of the phone lines as much as is needed to track down witnesses, airports, weather bureaus, character references and what have you....

Our newsletter is called "The International UFO Reporter"....We want to maintain and build a strong and international flavour to this small publication as we can. Since it is a newsletter the things will be brief and a person will be able to read as he runs, so to speak, but above all, since I am the editor of it, anything that one finds in there one can regard as having been documented as far as we could go....

Now I must tell you of a more amusing turn of things, and I hope it doesn't shock you in any way, but believe it or not I am going to be part of a movie playing myself....Steve Spielberg (director of "Jaws") has decided to do a UFO movie and asked me to be technical consultant on the script. One thing led to another and a spot opened up where I could be myself....I think the impact of the movie, since it is spectacular and done very well, is going to set an awful lot of people thinking, and I think its impact will be considerable. (The title of the film is "Close Encounters of the Third Kind")

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Definitions For an Indefinite Phenomenon Summary of a paper by Paul Jackson, TUFOIC

This paper brought out several basic but important points. because the phenomenon does not stand up to the "repeatability" prerequisite laid down by the scientific method, interest at a scientific level is generally lacking. It then goes on to say that this is not the fault of the phenomenon. As it is not for the phenomenon to adjust to the requirements of science, obviously it cannot; it is for science to adapt to the requirements of the phenomenon. As time passes, though, the scientist will become important in a research capacity and it is the job of the investigator to extract and separate the fundamental elements inherent in the phenomenon from the many irrelevant and coincidental things always present in an observed situation. We should act as a collection and filtering agency to remove all extraneous noise, so that a greater percentage of the signal is transmitted to those doing research.

However, for an objective study of the phenomenon, the data requires organisation, systematisation, and the adoption of uniform terminology for their description and evaluation. Then and only then we may get on with establishing the reality of the observed phenomenon, define its characteristics, and at some future stage, build a theoretical model. This will be done only after detailed analysis of the observations and statistics, which will in turn lead to new hypotheses.

The elementary step of employing precise definitions with the various aspects of the phenomenon should be given a high priority on the investigator's list of activities.

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A general meeting will be held during May, exact date yet to be decided. Annual elections will be held for the various committee positions of the Society. The committee is making arrangements to engage the services of a lecturer for the evening, and would appreciate a better response than has been the case in the past. A bigger turn-up would demonstrate members' support and give the committee a little more encouragement. Members could endeavour to interest friends and acquaintances in these meetings. Further details regarding the meeting will be published in the next Bulletin.

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